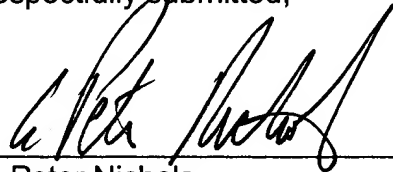


REMARKS

All the claims were allowed but for claim 28. To expedite prosecution and without agreeing with the correctness of the rejection, claim 28 has been canceled with the right to file such in a continuing application.

The amendment puts all the claims in condition to be allowed. Therefore, the Applicant requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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